

Supervisor Romaine and Town Board Honor the Memory of Fallen State Trooper Chelsea Richard at Town Hall Flag Raising Ceremony

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Fallen Trooper was Patchogue-Medford graduate and former Town Public Safety Officer

Farmingville, NY - On May 22, Supervisor Ed Romaine and the Brookhaven Town Board presented a flag raising ceremony in honor of Florida Highway Patrol Master Trooper Chelsea Renee Richard, who was killed in the line of duty on May 3, 2014. Trooper Richard was a 2001 graduate of Patchogue-Medford High School and a former Town of Brookhaven Public Safety Officer. She tragically lost her life after being struck by a vehicle during the investigation of a traffic accident on I-75 in Marion County, Florida. The event was attended by the entire Town Board, family and friends of Trooper Richard, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard, members of New York State Troop L and Brookhaven Town Public Safety officers.

During the ceremony, Bruce Richard, Chelsea's father, noted that his daughter's experience working with the Town "provided her with the foundation she needed to move forward in life." The flag that he presented will serve as the official Town flag until its retirement. The flag was raised at half-staff by the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard.

In his remarks, Supervisor Romaine said, "When someone in law enforcement is struck down, we all suffer a loss. Today we pay tribute to the life of Chelsea Richard and pray for the family she has left behind."

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